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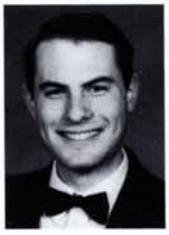
Campus NEWS

About the cover

Gold Rush Daze. It happens once every four years, and this year's event took place on a warm and sunny March Tuesday. All classes are cancelled for the events of the day, which include breakfast in bed (served by the administration and faculty!), team competition in hilarious games on the stadium field, a wacky evening talent show where the faculty, staff and administration show off their comedy skills, and a singspiration and fireworks display back at the stadium.

Students Win Contests

Stephen Schaub, a senior computer science major with a music minor, was the winner in the annual concerto competition held at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. Stephen, an accomplished organist and violinist, also performed in a master class at Maryville College and on the visiting Steinway Million Dollar piano in a concert at BJU.



Joanna Mulfinger, a sophomore at Bob Jones Academy, was selected as the winner of the instrumental division of the same contest. Joanna, concert master in the Academy orchestra, won the high school division of the competition.

Sharon Mulfinger, a senior at Bob Jones Academy, won both the state and regional strings contest of the Music Teachers National Association. Sharon, a cellist, was also a finalist at the national convention held in Spokane, WA, in March.

Cinema grad's work wins award

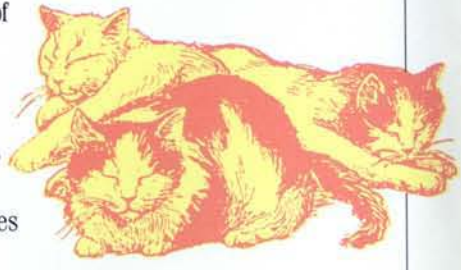
Dave Burkhardt, a 1989 cinema graduate, was responsible for the production of the winning 60-second TV spot entered in a national contest. Dave, employed as a cameraman-producer at KCPT, a PBS station in Kansas City, MO, worked with the high school winners of the local contest, helping them write a spot on the theme "Why Vote?" After brainstorming with the students, Dave did the taping and editing for the students who received the national Gold Award for their work.

Staff Member Wins Essay Contest

Jennifer Sackett, circulation supervisor at BJU's Mack Library, recently won a second place scholarship in an essay contest sponsored by the Beta Phi Mu honor society of the Library College of the University of South Carolina. Miss Sackett read her essay, which addressed the relationship between libraries and home computer access, at the April 24th initiation of the society and 20th anniversary of the college.

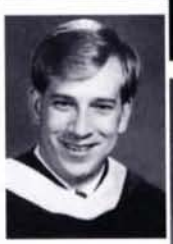
First BJU Pre-vet Graduate Headed for Grad School

Lisa Aspling, the first BJU student to complete the new pre-vet program, performed well on the Veterinary College Admission Test and in her BJU course work and has been accepted into the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine at Urbana-Champaign. After completing a graduate veterinary degree, Lisa plans to serve as a missionary vet, providing third world countries with education on animals.



Students win honors at NATS auditions

At the statewide auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing in Columbia, SC, the following BJU students were winners in various vocal categories and are eligible for the regional competition: Lori Finkbeiner, Cheryl Greene, Elizabeth Horton, Deborah Mongold, and Marc Rattray (winner in two categories). Two students, Kim Eckel and Andrea Johnson, received honors and are also eligible to enter the regional auditions.



These students also received NATS honors: Debra Larson Davis, Suzanne Hanneman, Heidi Mumma, Karen-lyn Pinch, Darren Templeton, Christi Whiteford, Brad Wilson and Wes Rickard.

Staff Member Receives Military Honor

Mr. Charlie Mattox, manager of the BJU Snack Shop, was awarded the Outstanding Sailor of the Year Award by the United States Naval Reserves in Charleston, SC. The award was given for his outstanding performance of duty, leadership, military appearance and overall contribution to the efficiency, morality and well-being of the command.

Faculty Member Receives Award

Mr. Darren Lawson, member of the BJU speech faculty, recently received the Distinguished Technical Communication Award from the South Carolina chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. The honor was awarded for his design and work on the *Quality Manual* for the KEMET Electronics Corporation.

Service Awards Given to Employees

The following faculty and staff members were recently honored for their service to the University:

20 Years

Linda Ashburn
Lynette Baker
Patricia Berg
Ruth Brooks
Bruce Byers
Linda Byers
Colleen Dorwald
Roger Eaves
Betty Fagge
Margaret Holbert
Al Hunnings
Allan Jeffery
Carl Layman
Mildred Luttrell
John Matzko
Tony Miller
Kathleen Pflug
Gayland Slick
Dana Syrja
Sue Whittington

30 Years

Betty Lou Godfrey
Marilyn Hill
Barbara Taylor
Thurman Wisdom

40 Years

Lewellyn Babb
James Bellis
Joan Davis
Flora Fulton
Alice Gingery
Dwight Gustafson
Gwendolyn Gustafson
Betty Panosian
Mary Catheryn Poulios
Thelma Rex
Geraldine Stratton
Melvin Stratton

Publications Department Receives Awards

BJU's Publications Department was honored this past semester in the 8th annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition. The school received two Gold awards—one for its advertising series featuring testimonials from graduates and another for a direct mail brochure for the summer camps conducted by the University. Merit awards were also presented for a logo and letterhead design and for the *BJU Review*, honored for the fifth straight year.

David McQuaid *Editor*
James A. Brooks *Art Director*
Wendy Mercer *Art Assistant*
Corinne Dyer *Secretary*
Abby Merkle *Student Assistant*
Beth Burke *Student Assistant*
Danny Waite *Student Assistant*
Beth Hunter *Contributing Writer*

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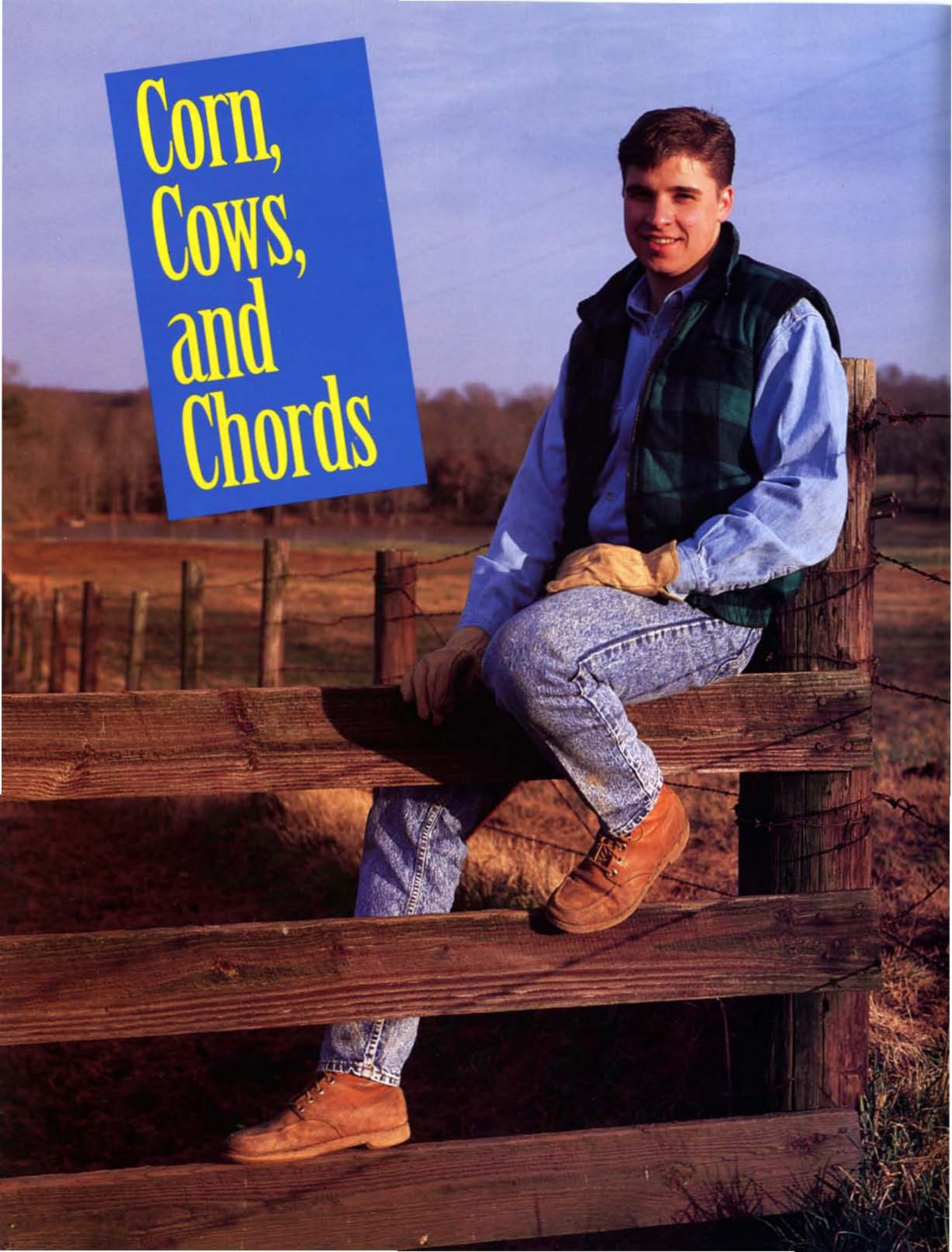

Corn,
Cows,
and
Chords

Dan Luers has been singing since junior high. His plans always seemed to be centered around going to college and being a voice major. He participated in numerous voice competitions in high school. He even received an offer of a large scholarship from a state school in Illinois.

But Dan opted for Bob Jones University. Upon arriving here, Dan immediately joined the chorale and began taking music lessons. During the three years he's been here, Dan has always been a member of a choir.

His major? Agricultural business. "I always get some funny looks from people in the School of Applied Studies when I tell them that I sing," Dan says. "And I get funny looks from the people in fine arts when they find out I'm an agribusiness major"

Dan was born and raised as the seventh generation on his family's farm in Washington, IA, in the southern part of the state. "When I was growing up, I would help my dad around the farm, and I always just figured I would take it over one day." Dan says. "But in junior high I started taking voice lessons, and from then on I really started looking at being a voice major."

Dan hadn't heard of BJU until after his junior year in high school, when his parents happened to pick up a brochure about BJU's summer music camps. He came to camp and really enjoyed it.

But the trip didn't change his mind altogether, though. "I went home and still looked really hard at voice and agriculture at other schools, but the Lord led me here."

The decision about his major was still hard. He still thought about being a voice major, but there was the family farm. "There's a little bit of pressure there– mostly from myself and a little from my father," Dan says. "But my dad wants whatever the Lord wants for my life."

After a lot of thought and prayer, he finally decided on agricultural business. "I'm glad I did. I love it; it's a business like none other in the world. I can do more with it, and there's still opportunity for me to sing," Dan says.

The opportunities have been many. At the beginning of his freshman year, Dan began taking voice lessons from Dr. Gail Gingery of the voice faculty and has been ever since. He began, also his freshman year, to sing in the University Chorale. He then sang in Dr. Gingery's Vesper choir, then returned to the Chorale. He has also participated in the fine arts commencement contests, performed special music for Student Body performances, and sung on several occasions at school and church with his fiancee, April Crowley, a junior voice major whom he met during music camp at BJU.

But he doesn't let his involvement in music interfere with what he's learning in his classes. "The agribusiness major is a double major really," Dan says. "It starts out with three years of farm management in the School of Applied Studies and then two years of business in the University." Agribusiness majors receive an associate's degree of applied science in three years, and a bachelor of science degree in five.

For the past few summers, Dan has held an internship with CIBA-GEIGY, a seed corn corporation in Iowa. "It's great because it's public relations and farming together," Dan says. "It's a people-person job in a field where you wouldn't think there would be many people-person jobs."

He deals directly with farmers in his area, taking inventory, visiting farms, finding out what kind of problems they are experiencing, and generally establishing good will for his company.

Dan says he'd like to stay in this field. "I'd like to work on salary at a agri-related job and buy our family farm through a period of years."

Dan says that one of the people who has influenced him the most at BJU is well-known genetic engineer Dr. Calvin Blessing, who teaches agriculture and farming. "He always begins class by asking us to share what's on our hearts," Dan says. "He's really concerned about what the Lord's doing in our lives."

Dan also credits his parents with influencing his life greatly. "They've encouraged me to look back at the Christian heritage of family that I have. They've always been there to teach me about farming, about character and about life."

"The driving factor is that the Lord has led me to what I'm doing now, and to what I'll be doing in the future. Whatever the Lord has for me is what I'm going to do." ■

Back to Brazil

At nine years old, Romulo Ribeiro lived in poverty. His parents were separated and he worked in his father's bar, selling alcohol and anxiously awaiting the day when he would be old enough to drink like his customers.

Today, this 28-year-old Brazilian is hardly destitute. With his wife and daughter, Romulo has taken the priceless treasure of the gospel back to his native people. Using the education he received while studying at BJU, he is establishing local churches that will proclaim the name of the One who has changed his life.

A few months before his birth, Romulo's parents professed salvation in Christ. Unfortunately, they did not take their decisions seriously and when Romulo was seven, their marital problems culminated in separation. Romulo and two of the other six children moved to southern Brazil with their father, who purchased a bar to provide for them.

When Romulo was 12, an American missionary came to the bar, but not to drink. Instead, this BJU graduate told Romulo of God's plan of salvation and informed his backslidden father of his sin. "He told my father that he had to get rid of the bar in order to serve God and save his son from an anguished future. By God's providence, my father accepted the challenge, sold the bar, and became very active in church."

Just as he had formerly revered the sinful life in his father's bar, Romulo followed his father in receiving Christ. The next few years were tough financially for the family, but those times of trial taught Romulo a great deal spiritually. "God was just using those problems to help prepare me for the victories that He was going to bring into my life later."

Eventually, those victories came. When Romulo was saved, his parents had been separated for four years. "From day one after my salvation, I started praying every single day that my mother and father would get back together. The problems were really serious, and no one believed that it could happen. I remember asking my father many times if he would be willing to forgive my mother, and he would say no. But I knew that God could change his heart."

And God did change both of his parents. After five years of faithful praying, Romulo's mother returned and announced that she had just accepted Christ as her Savior. "My mother and father went through a lot of adaptation," Romulo says, "but today when people see them, they would never imagine that there were ever any problems."

During this time of spiritual growth, the Lord also gave Romulo some direction about his future. "God was calling me to be a missionary from Brazil to Brazil. Some people doubted that God had really called me to be a church planter because they consider it only a ministry for Americans. But I didn't buy that."

Instead, Romulo faithfully attended his local church, graduated from a Bible Institute in Brazil, and in 1986, contacted Dr. Bob III about attending BJU. In order to come to the United States to study, he was required to pass an English exam to obtain a student visa. After failing the exam twice and even doubting that coming to BJU was God's will, Romulo was allowed to come as a prospective student and study English until he could pass the test. In the fall of 1988, he was admitted as a part of the Timothy Student Program. The Program brings nationals to BJU, trains them for the ministry, and then sends them back to their countries.

While Romulo attended BJU, he worked in several places as part of his Timothy Program agreement. "I worked in pot wash in the dining common at first. A lot of people don't like working there, but I loved that place–I was being paid to exercise! And it was the first time I had ever worked in a place where everything was done for the glory of God."

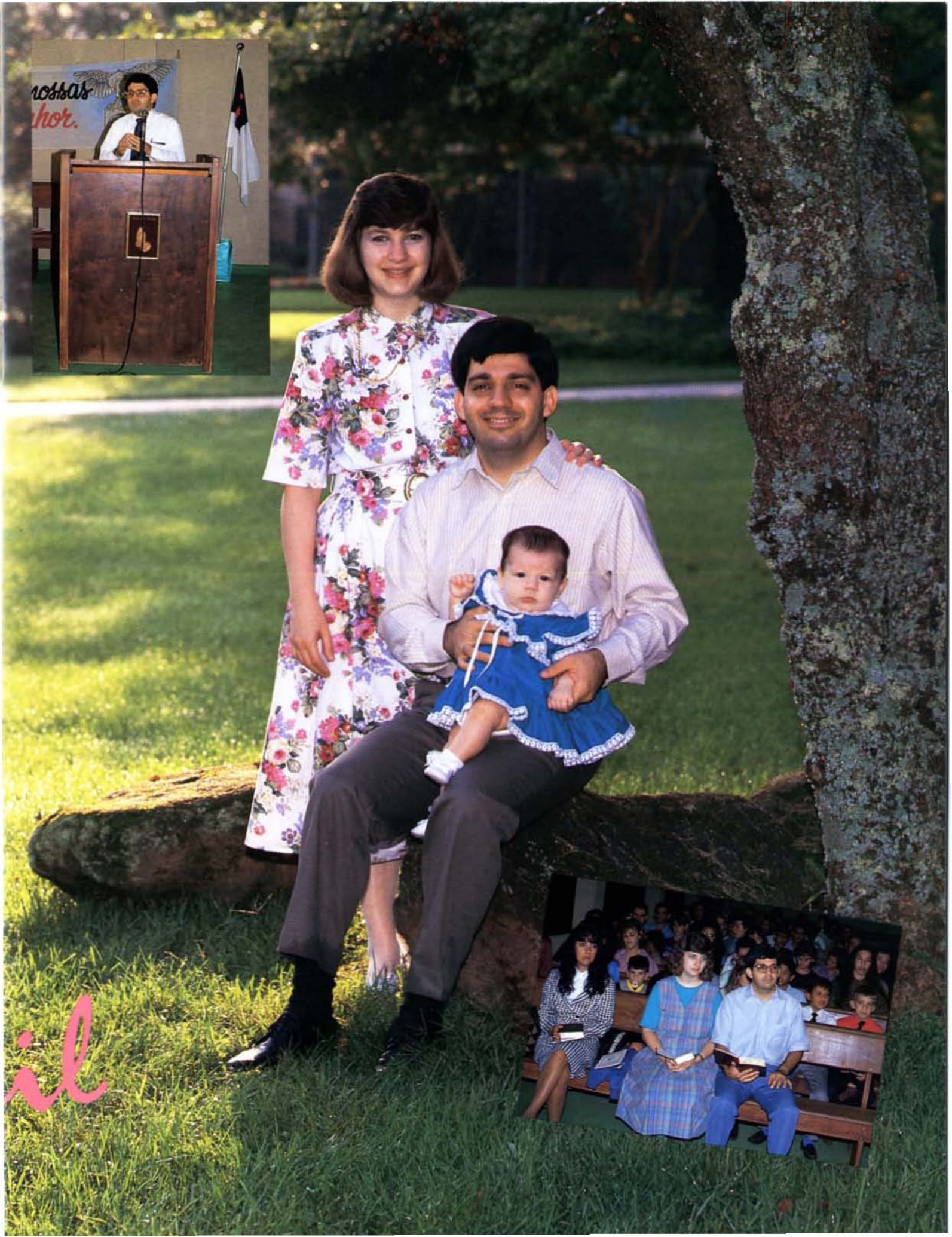
"That first week when I barely knew any English, the guys at work tried to teach me some vocabulary. Once, a guy was rinsing pans with hot water when I suddenly heard noises behind me. Someone was probably saying, 'Shut the hose off!' but I didn't get it or pay any attention until someone finally turned it off and explained to me what was going on!"

Romulo also worked on a custodial crew, as a monitor in the Alumni Building, and at the Art Gallery, and was very involved at a local church in Greenville.

In his junior year, Romulo married Rachel Gilmer, the daughter of Brazilian missionaries. "I did not come to the States to find my wife. In fact, we met when we were both at a camp in Brazil. But since she was going to attend college in the States, so we went two different ways."

After three years apart, Rachel and Romulo met again. Rachel had graduated from another Christian college in music education and both of them knew it was God's will for them to marry. During Romulo's last two years at BJU, Rachel worked in the BJU records office and in May 1992 gave birth to their daughter, Rochelle Joy.

Romulo's salvation, his parents' revival and his schooling are all a testimony of what God can do. "I never imagined that I would come to BJU, but it has become God's special place for me. I am a real result of God's power through American missionaries, and I want to go back to Brazil and show others that power." ■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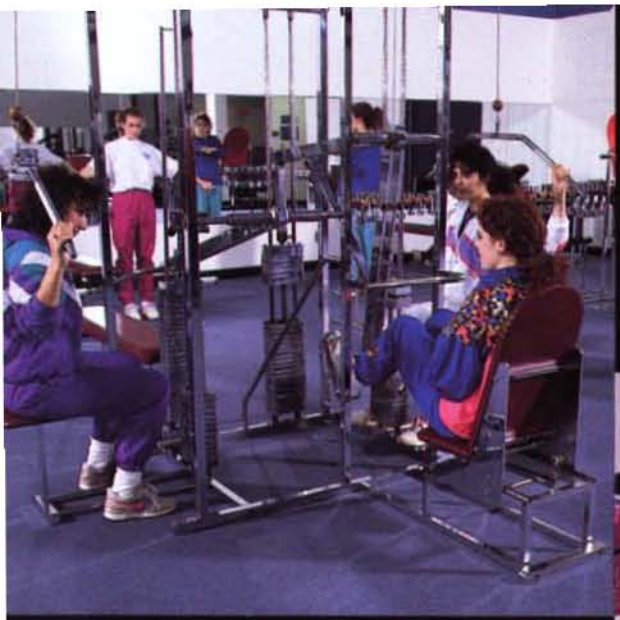
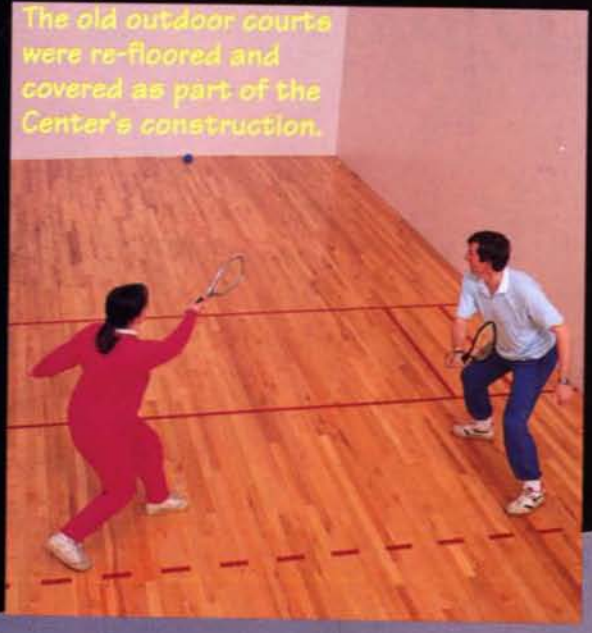


Fremont Fitness Center

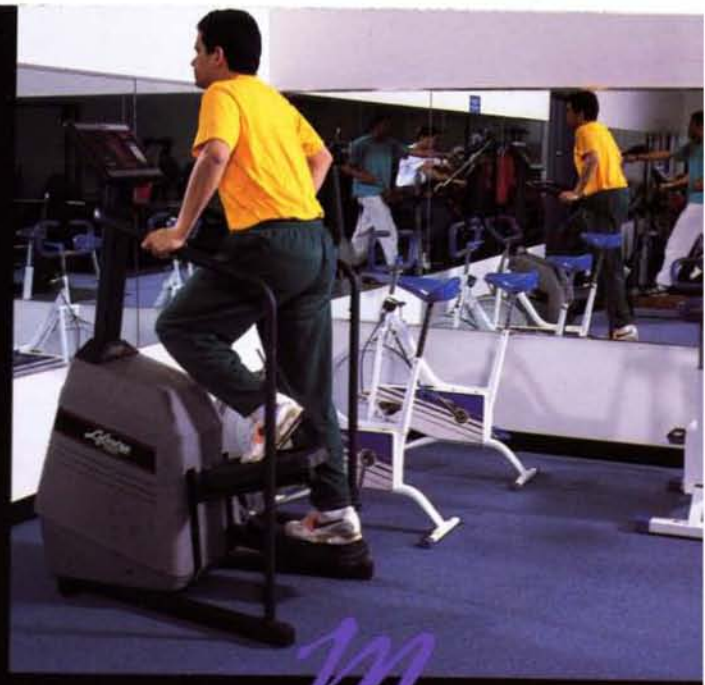
The Polaris equipment for the rooms came from a local spa that went out of business. A local fitness equipment center trained BJU workers on the equipment so they, in turn, can help those who come to exercise.

After more than three years of planning and construction, BJU's new Fremont Fitness Center opened in late January. The Center, built with the generous and sacrificial gifts of University friends, alumni, faculty and students, contains separate exercise areas for men and women, as well as spas, saunas, shower and locker facilities and indoor racquetball courts.

Four racquetball courts, like the rest of the Center, see almost constant action from students, faculty, staff, and local alumni.



The old outdoor courts were re-floored and covered as part of the Center's construction.



Machines for the men are geared toward body-building and powerlifting aspects of weight work; equipment for the women is for toning and muscular endurance. Each exercise room also contains a stairclimber and a treadmill. Included in the women's area is a video screen demonstrating aerobics routines.

The Center is named for the former dean of the School of Education, Dr. Walter Fremont. Dr. Fremont, a fitness buff during his days of health, is suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease.

ITINERARIES

DR. BOB JONES

May 16-23
Community Bible Church
Norfolk, NE

May 29
Glennville Christian Academy
Glennville, GA

June 13
First Baptist Church
LaSalle, IL

June 15-17
Fundamental Baptist Fellowship
Bethel Baptist Church
Schaumburg, IL

June 18-20
Calvary Bible Chapel
Flanders, NJ

June 27
Bible Baptist Church
Pittsburgh, PA

July I 9-23
Eastern European Congress of Christian Fundamentalists
Maranatha Baptist Church
Arad, Romania

August 8
Calvary Independent Baptist Church
Huntingdon, PA

DR. BOB JONES III

May 11
Friendship Banquet
Tulsa, OK

May 13
Friendship Banquet
Sioux City, IA

May 14
Friendship Banquet
Minneapolis, MN

May 16
Canton Baptist Temple
Canton, OH

May 18
Trinity Christian Academy
Oxford, AL

May 21
Newark Baptist Temple
Heath, OH

May 23 am
Newark Baptist Temple
Heath, OH

May 25
Faith Baptist Church
Pensacola, FL

May 28-30
Grace Baptist Church Chattanooga, TN
Friendship Banquet
Raleigh, NC

June 6
Dover Bible Church
Dover, PA

June 12-13
Berean Bible Church
Dublin, OH

June 17-20
Foundation Baptist Church
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

June 27
Sunset Drive Baptist Church
Stanley, VA

June 28-July 2
High Point Baptist Camp
Geigertown, PA

July 11
Northside Bible Church
Mobile, AL

July 11
Meadowlake Baptist Church
Mobile, AL

July 19-23
Eastern European Congress
Arad, Romania

July 25
Maranatha Baptist Church
Arad, Romania

August 2-7
Ironwood
Newberry Springs, CA

August 8-10
Grace of Calvary Baptist Church
Erie, PA

August 15
Harvester Baptist Church
Columbia, MD

August 15
Unity Free Will Baptist Church
Greenville, NC

MRS. JONES III

May 15
Ladies' Seminar
Caanan Bible Church
Lake Ariel, PA

June 11-12
New England Ladies' Seminar
West Bridgewater, MA

June 17
Ladies Luncheon
FBF Meeting
Schaumburg, IL

June 28 - July 2
Family Camp
High Point Camp & Conference Center
Geigertown, PA

MUSICAL MINISTRY TEAM

ILLINOIS

Aurora
Sunday am, July 11
Christian Fellowship Bible Church
1140 Pershing Road

Baileyville
Tuesday, July 13
Baileyville Baptist Church
303 West Franklin Street

Decatur
Wednesday, July 21
Union Baptist Chapel
Route 8, Box 78-B

Oregon
Thursday, July 15
First Baptist Church
505 Hill Street

Rochelle
Sunday pm, July 11
First Baptist Church
810 Woolf Court

INDIANA

Camby
Sunday am, July 25
Friendswood Baptist Church
7901 Kentucky Road

Muncie
Wednesday, July 28
Grace Baptist Church
6401 River Road

KENTUCKY

Grethel
Friday, August 6
Grethel Baptist Church
HC 77, Box 2580

Richmond
Wednesday, August 4
Madison Baptist Church
2945 Lexington Road

MICHIGAN

Bridgeport
Sunday am, July 4
First Baptist Church of Bridgeport
2440 King Road

Clinton Township
Wednesday, June 23
Macomb Baptist Church
23970 Hall Road

Dansville
Sunday am, June 27
Dansville Baptist Church

Dearborn Heights
Tuesday, June 29
Bethel Baptist Church
27355 Ann Arbor Trail

Essexville
Sunday afternoon, July 4
First Baptist Church of Bay City
1145 West Center Road

Frankfort
Thursday, July 1
Herring Lake Baptist Church
4433 Scerlic Highway

Hadley
Thursday, June 24
Baptist Church of Hadley
4566 Pratt Road

Mackinaw City
Wednesday, June 30
Mackinaw City Bible Church
308 West Central Avenue

New Buffalo
Wednesday, July 7
Bible Baptist Church
7 East Clay Street

Waterford
Sunday pm, June 27
Sunny Vale Chapel
5311 Pontiac Lake Road

North Carolina

Brevard
Sunday am, August 8
Bethany Baptist Church
314 West French Broad Avenue

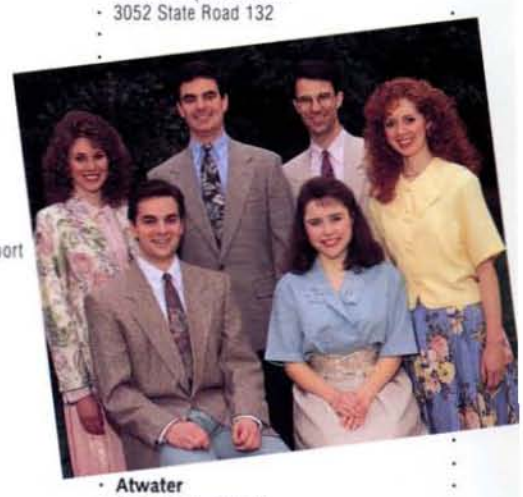
Rocky Mount
Sunday pm, May 16
Westview Baptist Church
3408 Sunset Avenue

Wilson
Sunday am, May 16
Trinity Baptist Church
Route 2, Box 580

Wilson
Wednesday, May 19
Tabernacle Baptist Church
910 South Tarboro Street

OHIO

Amelia
Sunday am, August 1
Lindale Baptist Church
3052 State Road 132



Atwater
Sunday am, June 13
First Baptist Church
6498 Waterloo Road

Carroll
Sunday pm, June 6
Greencastle Bible Church
2940 Amanda-Northern Road

Cincinnati
Saturday, July 31
Salem Baptist Church
6468 Salem Road

Gates Mills
Tuesday, June 15
The Little Church in the Vale
610 Chagrin River Road

Marietta
Tuesday, June 8
Evergreen Bible Church
Ellsworth Avenue

Port Washington
Thursday, June 10
Faith Baptist Church

Portsmouth/Sciotsville
Sunday pm, August 1
Berean Baptist Church
5526 Winchester Avenue

Rio Grande
Thursday, June 3
Trinity Baptist Church
Ridge Avenue at West College

Tipp City
Thursday, July 29
Community Bible Church
1427 West Main Street

Toledo
Sunday am, June 20
Toledo Baptist Temple
5732 Douglas Road

Toledo
Sunday pm, June 20
Liberty Baptist Church
5501 Jackman Road

Washington Court House
Sunday am, June 6
Fayette Bible Church
1315 Dayton Avenue

Wintersville
Wednesday, June 9
Bantam Ridge Baptist Church
Bantam Ridge Road

VIRGINIA

Wicomico Church
Sunday am, May 23
Lighthouse Baptist Church
Highway 200

WISCONSIN

Menomonee Falls
Sunday pm, July 18
Falls Baptist Church
N69 W12703 Appleton Avenue

Watertown
Sunday am, July 18
Calvary Baptist Church
243 Spaulding Street

WEST VIRGINIA

Bridgeport
Thursday, May 27
Grace Baptist Church
1010 Oral Lake Road

Clarksburg
Friday, May 28
Emmanuel Christian School
1318 North 16th Street

Gallipolis Ferry
Wednesday, June 2
Faith Gospel Church

Pratt
Sunday am, May 30
Old Kanawha Baptist Church

Prosperity
Sunday pm, May 30
Fundamental Baptist Church

MIXED DRAMA TEAM

COLORADO

Arvada
Sunday am, July 25
Tri-City Baptist Church
5624 Yarrow Street

Colorado Springs
Thursday, July 22
Mesa Hills Bible Church
615 West Uintah

Littleton
Friday, July 23
Highlands Baptist Church
1510 East Phillips Avenue

Longmont
Sunday pm, July 25
Faith Baptist Church
833 - 15 Avenue

IOWA

Centerville
Sunday pm, June 13
Grace Tabernacle Baptist Church
914 North Park Avenue

Chariton
Saturday, June 12
Chariton Bible Church
314 North 15 Street

Fort Madison
Friday, June 11
Faith Bible Church
2360 Highway 61

Ottumwa
Sunday am, June 13
Ottumwa Baptist Temple
Williams at Adella

Red Oak
Tuesday, June 15
Grace Baptist Church
1510 North Sixth Street

ILLINOIS

Belleville
Sunday pm, June 6
Calvary Baptist Church
423 Lucinda Avenue

Camp Point
Thursday, June 10
Faith Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 168

KANSAS

Hutchinson
Sunday am, July 18
Westside Baptist Church
400 West 12 Street

Johnson
Tuesday, July 20
First Baptist Church
308 South Long Street

McPherson
Friday, July 16
Wheatland Baptist Church
221 South Ash

Wichita
Sunday pm, July 18
Midland Baptist Church
1359 South Leecrest Street

MINNESOTA

Alexandria
Thursday, July 1
Faith Baptist Church
201 -13 Avenue West

Backus
Tuesday, June 29
Lakeside Baptist Church

Cohasset
Sunday pm, June 27
Community Bible Chapel
125 Northwest Fifth Street

Duluth
Sunday am, June 27
Northstar Baptist Church
1820 West Morgan Street

Lauderdale
Friday, June 18
Twin City Chinese Christian Church
1795 Eustis Street

MISSOURI

Essex
Tuesday, June 1
Clines Island General Baptist Church
Route 1

Poplar Bluff
Wednesday, June 2
Westwood Baptist Church
2445 Westwood Boulevard

NORTH CAROLINA

Mooresville
Thursday, May 13
Eastside Baptist Church
411 Enochville Road

Winston-Salem
Sunday pm, May 16
Grace Baptist Temple
3305 Peters Creek Parkway

Winston-Salem
Wednesday, May 19
Cedar Forest Baptist Church
4634 Shattalon Drive

NEBRASKA

Falls City
Tuesday, July 13
First Baptist Church
2023 Valley Street

Fremont
Wednesday, July 7
Calvary Baptist Church
924 Willow Street

Kearney
Sunday am, July 11
Immanuel Baptist Church
3621 Third Avenue

Norfolk
Tuesday, July 6
Community Bible Church
111 North Birch Street

Omaha
Friday, July 9
Good Shepherd Baptist Church
16909 Pacific Street

Papillion
Thursday, July 8
Twin Cities Baptist Church
225 South Washington

SOUTH DAKOTA

Aberdeen
Friday, July 2
Immanuel Bible Church

Elkton
Saturday, July 3
First Baptist Church

TENNESSEE

Gray
Sunday pm, May 23
Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church
Suncrest Drive

Greeneville
Sunday am, May 23
Central Baptist Church
Route 14, Box 201-A

Manchester
Wednesday, May 26
Temple Baptist Church
Fairlane Drive

Memphis
Sunday am, May 30
Willow Park Baptist Church
4815 Willow Road

TEXAS

Garland
Sunday am, August 1
Miller Road Baptist Church
2000 -16 Street

WISCONSIN

Spooner
Thursday, June 24
Spooner Baptist Church
Route 1, Box 1417

Dates and locations are accurate as of time of printing. Due to time considerations, those services scheduled after the magazine went to press have not been included.

Historically

They met at Swensen's. Their first date was to a lacrosse game. And it was Dr Pepper that brought them together.

"We were probably the only two graduate students at the University of Maryland who were saved," says Linda Abrams. "So it wasn't too hard to find each other."

"She was the only one who brought Dr Pepper (instead of beer or wine) to the history department meetings," says Carl Abrams. "So I figured she must be a Christian."

Dr. and Mrs. Abrams have been on the history faculty at BJU for about twelve years. Carl is the chairman of the division of social studies education and teaches history (mostly American) and political science. Linda teaches history (mostly European) and political science, along with classes such as cultural anthropology.

Both Carl and Linda were raised in Christian homes and were saved at the age of eight. Carl left his hometown of Tarboro, North Carolina in 1968 to come to Bob Jones University, a school he had only heard about. He graduated in 1972 and went on to do graduate work at North Carolina State University. He returned to BJU in 1974 to teach in the history department, then in 1977 went on to the University of Maryland to earn his doctorate in American history. In 1981 he returned to BJU. Linda went to a small private college near her hometown of Atlanta, GA. She then attended the University of Maryland to earn her masters in European history. It was there that she met Carl, and they were married a little over a year later.

Both Carl and Linda grew up interested in history. "It's always been very clear to me that I wanted to teach history," Carl says. "I think it's the influence of good teachers."

Linda agrees. "A lot of kids don't have good history teachers. I think that's why they don't like the subject."

Linda's area of specialization is in modern European history. Carl's expertise is the 20th century South. He published a book in 1992 entitled *Conservative Constraints: North Carolina and the New Deal.*

They encourage their children, Jessica, 9, and Benjamin, 7, to stay abreast of politics and current events. "They like to watch the news, and we talk about what is going on in the world."

Although both Carl and Linda are very interested in politics, neither has ever really had any political aspirations of their own. Carl is actively involved in state politics in South Carolina but doesn't plan to ever go any farther than that. "I have my children, and to me that is the other aspect of my life," Linda says. "Right now I don't have any aspirations to pursue anything else because it would take so much time away from them."

But Linda does get involved with student politics, which for her includes traveling to Columbia each year for the convening of the South Carolina Student Legislature.

The Abrams also take a summer mission team from BJU to Kenya every other year, and they make the trip a family affair. "We wanted a ministry, and we found this through the Lord's leading," Linda says. "We never go without the children. It's a good way to show the children that there's more to summers than just getting a job. It gets them into a ministry."

While in Kenya, the team stays at a Bible college. The Abrams teach there during the week, and on the weekends the team carries on various outreaches in the local churches and communities.

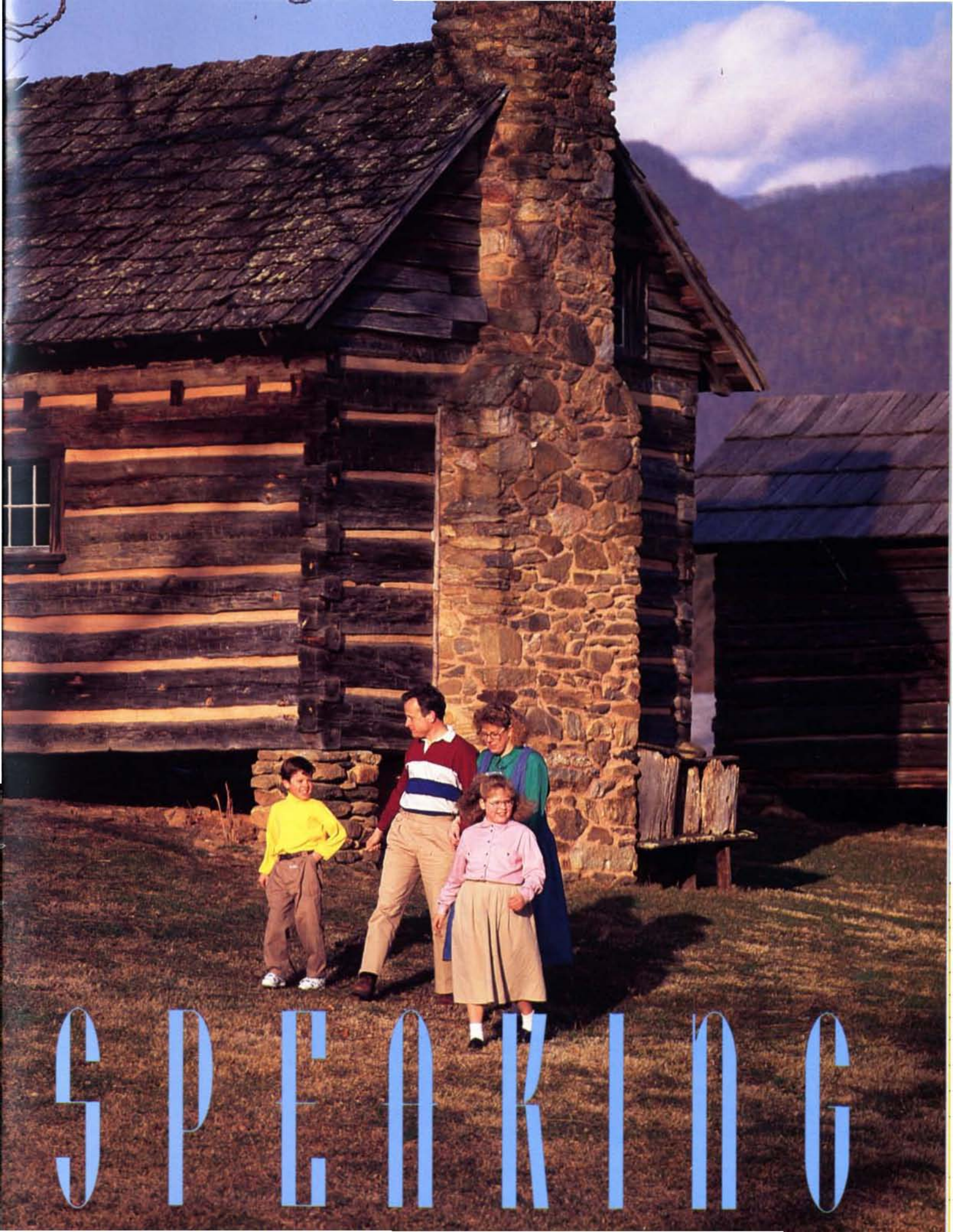
Another of the Abrams' favorite family activities is going camping in the mountains. "We try to go at least once or twice a year," Carl says.

"Camping is harder on a mission team year," Linda adds. "When you come back from Africa, you don't really want to go camping."

The Abrams are happy with their lives and ministries at BJU. Linda says that what she and her husband do in the future will depend mostly on "what is necessary here at the University."

"Sometimes I miss the intellectual stimulation of graduate school," Linda says. "But I could never give up what I have here at home."

The Abrams agree that they are where the Lord wants them to be. "And," Linda adds, "unless the Lord takes us somewhere else, this is where we're going to stay." ■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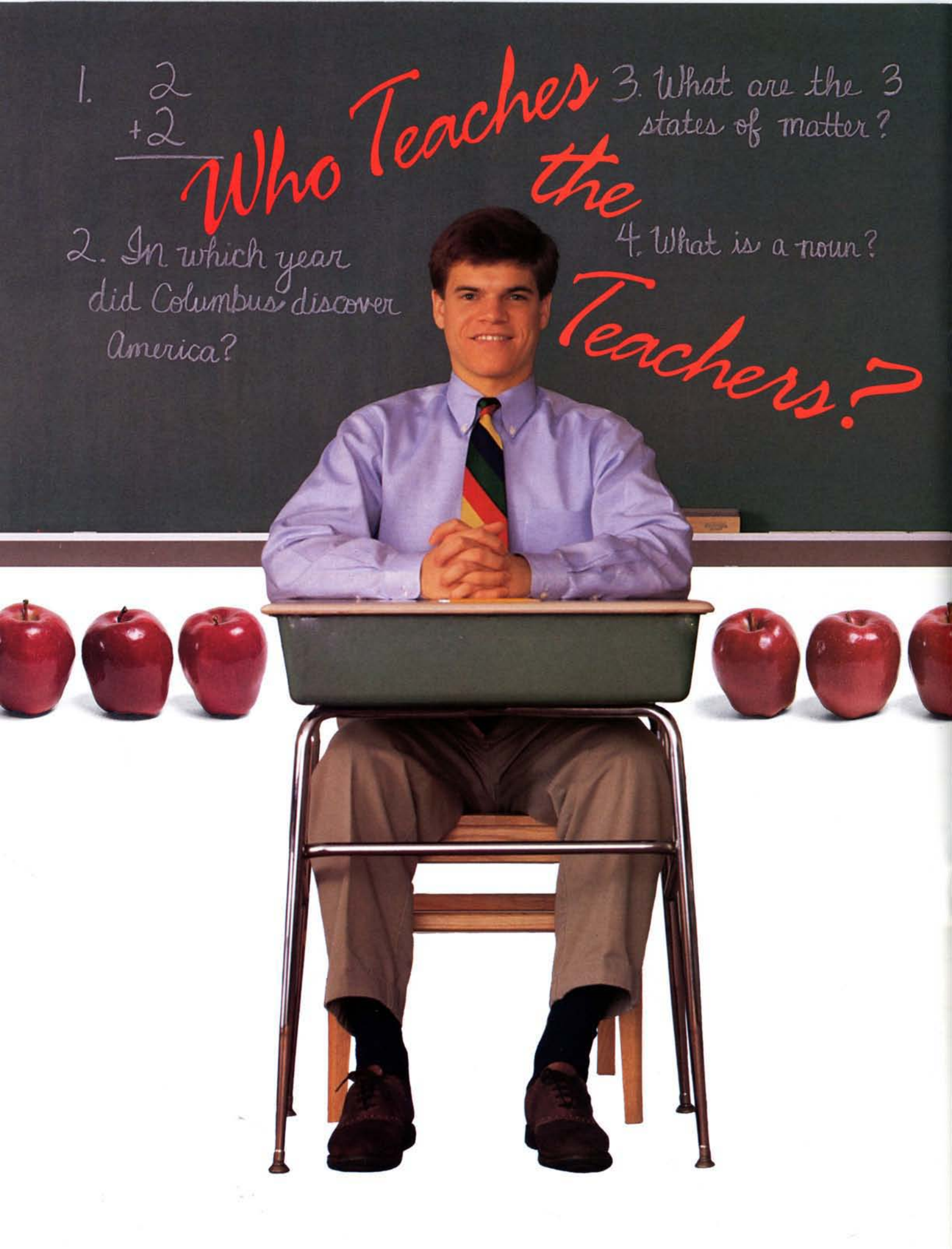
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Who Teaches the Teachers?
2. In which year did Columbus discover America?
3. What are the 3 states of matter?
4. What is a noun?

ANSWERS:

1. Four.
2. 1492.
3. Solid, liquid, and gas.
4. A person, place, thing, or idea.

These are the basics–the facts that teachers for decades have drilled into first-graders and sixth-graders and all in between.

But someone has to teach those teachers–and Bob Jones University has been doing just that for over 65 years.

"An elementary teacher has to be able to handle anything and everything," says Dr. Tim Watson, chairman of the Division of Elementary Education. "Elementary education is probably the best major for someone who wants to do lots of different things and wants to learn about people."

If that describes you, then sit up straight with your hands folded, put your thinking caps on, and pay attention.

BJU's elementary education program (affectionately known as "el ed") places students in "hands-on" situations at several different levels to prepare them for "real-life" teaching experience.

"The practical-experience end of the major starts with simple observations of elementary classrooms where students take notes on the physical classroom, the children, the teacher, and the material," says Dr. Watson. "Then they begin to work with the teachers–grading papers, making bulletin boards, tutoring, etc.–to complete a short practicum.

"During their junior-year clinical experience, students work in local schools for a more extended period of time so that by the time they are seniors and have to student teach, they are ready. They have a definite idea of what's involved in teaching."

The word "teaching" means different things to different people. Does the teacher need to lecture the whole period? Are worksheets always necessary? How much of a class period should be seatwork time? Two specific classes, Teaching Math and Teaching Reading, are just a couple of courses that deal specifically with teaching methods on particular subjects.

"The teachers here at BJU teach us that when we get out on our own, our job is not just to lecture," says Cheryl Monroe, a junior elementary education major from Michigan. "We must teach inductively–making sure our students are understanding the material, not just memorizing facts. Inductive teaching involves the teaching of thinking skills along with the words and the facts."

A definite bonus to education majors is the close proximity of Bob Jones Elementary School, Junior High, and Academy, as well as the BJU Press. Frequent classroom observations give students a chance to see how teachers use the Press materials, and education majors graduate knowing how to use the curriculum and knowing how to teach thinking skills.

One of the greatest problems in today's field of education is the lack of young men studying to be leaders for elementary students. "It's a big challenge to get men into the classroom," says Dr. Watson. "Some boys, when they are younger, begin to think that education and learning is something girls do. But laying a strong foundation in elementary school is extra important for boys."

John Hotchkin, a sophomore from Simpsonville, SC, is an elementary education major and agrees. "Most of my education classes are filled with girls, but I think men are very important in elementary schools. Even small kids need to see strong male leadership, and unfortunately many of them don't see it at home."

"I've learned the importance of preparation before class." John says. "There is a tremendous amount of thought that has to go into each lesson. You can't just get up and ramble. Everything has to fit."

Thorough preparation is the key to BJU's el ed program–from courses and instructors to hands-on situations.

"We produce teachers in four years that go into schools and within a short time become the schools' top teachers. We teach these future educators with theory and practical experience, turning out a final product that is well-rounded, developed, and ready for the classroom and life." ■

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In a 1986 article in Perspectives in Religious Studies Samuel Hill said, "Fundamentalists know a great deal, and they know for sure."

"Knowing for sure" is the characteristic of the Bible-believing Christian that galls the secularist. Secular educators teach that knowing nothing "for sure" is the mark of an educated person. Open-mindedness about all things is their educational objective. Is it possible to be so open-minded that your brains are falling out?

Several months ago I met a college senior who at the age of three was a refugee from Vietnam. He was driving an airport van in which I was riding. His life story about how he fled from Vietnam with his parents in a small boat, was rescued, and was taken in by a Baptist church in Oklahoma was fascinating. A cloud of disappointment came across the story, however, when I learned that the boy, although a professing Christian, had no confidence in the absolute authority of the Bible. He was a psychology major in a state university and had come under the influence of Jung, Rogers, Freud, and other such false prophets of psychology. When I challenged him to accept the Bible as ultimate Truth and reject everything contrary to it, his response was, "If I do that, I might miss out on some knowledge and truth there is to be gained elsewhere." He was unwilling to "know for sure" because God said it.

Christians need no "knowledge" that contradicts the knowledge revealed in Scripture. Where did the insinuation to Eve that ultimate Truth lay beyond God's revelation to her come from?

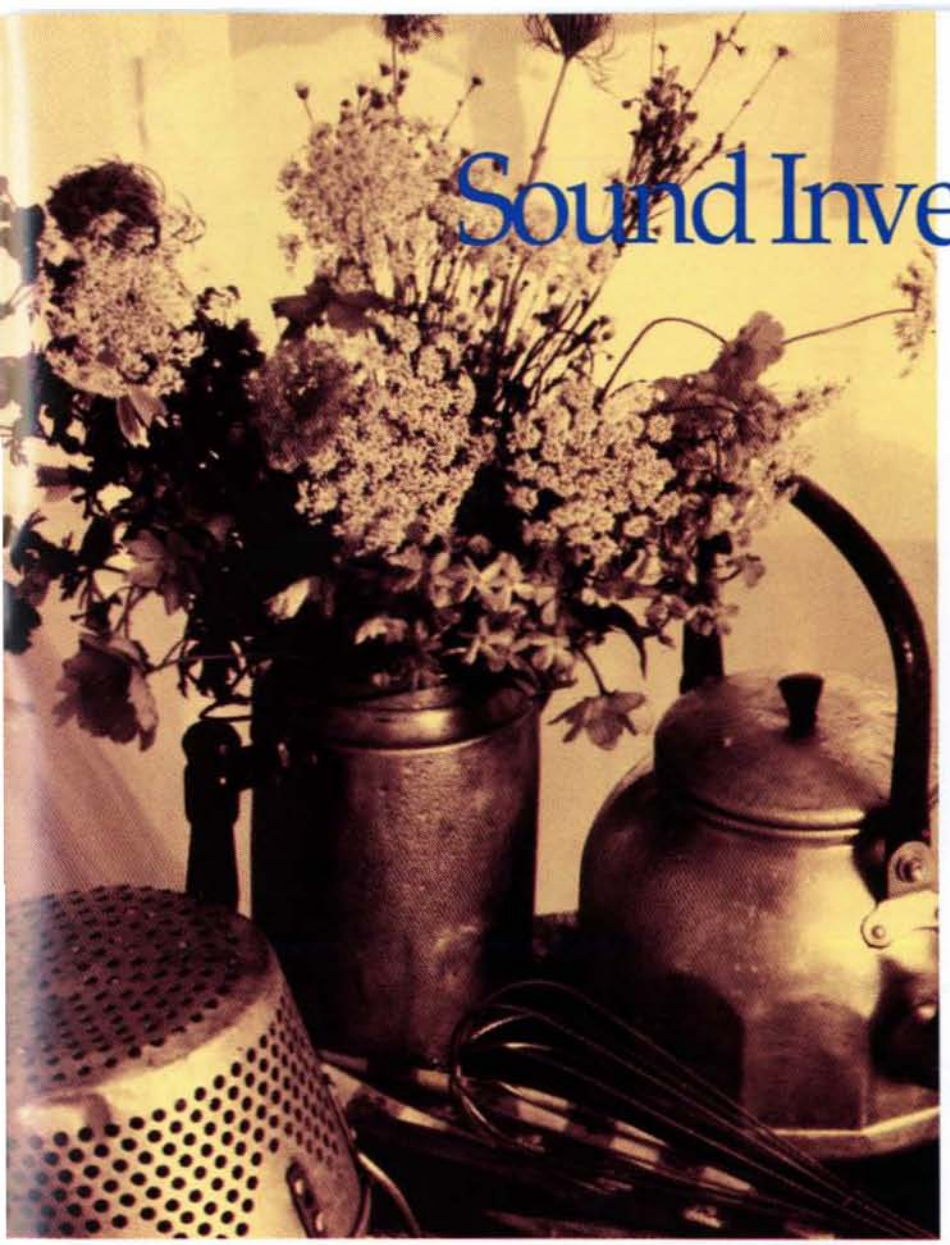
Those who know the Bible "know for sure." Is that not something to be glad about? A Christian should feel only pity for the gropers of this world, because "Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools" (Rom. 1:22).

The absence of dogmatism is something most colleges are proud of. They would consider the presence of dogmatism dangerous. To them, standing on an unshakable foundation is unthinkable. Most of our nation's educated are without a sure point of reference. Try flying an airplane or navigating a sailing vessel that way and see what happens. An honest look at our homes, our society, our media, our politics, and our churches reveals what happens to a nation that is the product of education without absolutes.

"Free inquiry" is the buzzword educators love to use when boasting of the virtues of secular education. It was also the basis of the serpents appeal to Eve in Eden's garden. She fell for it, and more than the garden was ruined. To the secular educator, Truth is something to be debated, not delineated; postulated, not preached. Relativism rules.

At BJU Truth rules. God said it; that settles it. No debate. No doubt. The Bible, God's Word, is the final word on any subject to which it speaks.

No wonder BJU grads have a good hold on life–the Word of Life has a good hold on them.



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Paying for a college education is not only coming up with enough money to meet the bottom line of room, board and tuition. Books, phone calls, snacks, travel expenses, and clothes all add up, so it pays to begin planning well before you head off to school.

•Budget carefully for hidden extras, such as ordering pizza Sunday night after church, buying milkshakes in the Snack Shop, and making trips to the vending machines. A dollar or two a day in the vending machines can add up quickly. Don't forget money for cards and gifts for friends and family, as well as toiletries and cosmetics throughout the year.

•Textbooks and supplies can be another large expense, but careful shopping can save you money. Although the average cost for new books for a freshman can run around $150 per semester, used books can be had for about half that price. Renting or selling your used books to other students can also be a source of additional income.

•Avoid making collect phone calls, since the long distance company adds an additional charge for each one. Every room at BJU has its own phone, and the University allows students whose bills are current to use WATS lines and charge the call to their school bill, a less expensive method. (Of course, a letter is by far the cheapest method of communicating with loved ones!)

•Diligently save money from summer jobs. It is easy to spend the cash on things you "need," but a careful savings program throughout high school will reward you with fewer financial worries during college. For example, saving $300 a month at 3% interest for three months each summer after your sophomore year of high school will give you almost $3,000!

•You can earn spending money while at school by doing odd jobs on Saturdays. The Office of Student Services on campus has a sign-up list for anyone wishing to work for cash on a Saturday. When someone calls the school with a job, such as yardwork, cleaning or moving, the Office matches them up with someone who is available. It's possible to earn $30-$40 a Saturday.

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